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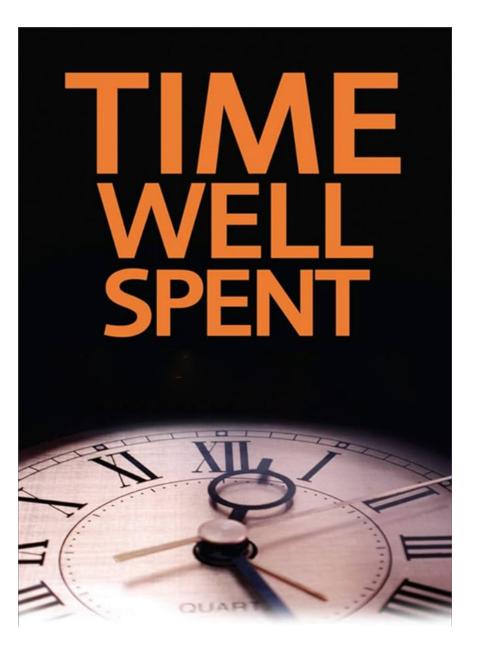
Is my time being well spent? The answer to that question determines how a member of our Club feels about being here. It determines how a prospective member evaluates our Club. Is my time being well spent? Am I making a difference? Is what I am doing important? Am I helping others? Am I getting sufficient satisfaction from what I am doing? Am I happy?

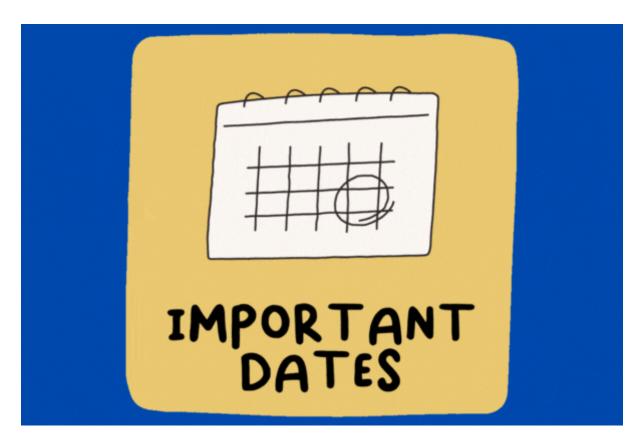
All of those questions, and more, can be answered starting next week. That is when we kick off our annual KPAD fundraiser. That is when our Club organizes thousands of volunteer hours to perform myriad tasks focused on putting a pancake on someone's plate, on many, many someones' plates. That is when we all have an opportunity to contribute in different ways, ways that are individually meaningful to each of us. That is when each and every one of us has an opportunity to play an instrument in a symphony and collectively make beautiful music. That is when we all have an opportunity to spend our

time well.

Let's join with the KPAD team beginning next week, spend our time well in whatever role we choose, and make some beautiful music and pancakes together.

Let's act on our theme - Outreach!





February 28 - (12:30 - 1:30 pm) Club Meeting, Stephanie Moon Reynolds

February 28 - (1:45 - 2:45 pm) Presidential Advisors Committee Meeting

February 29 - (3 - 4:30 pm) Officer Meeting

February 29 - (5:30 - 7:30 pm) KPAD Ticket Team Draft

March 1 - (8 am) Interfaith National Day of Prayer Breakfast Planning Meeting, Zoom

March 4 - (11:45 am - 12:05 pm) IDEA Discussion

March 4 - (12:15 - 1:30 pm) Board Meeting

March 6 - (12:30 - 1:30 pm) Club Meeting, KPAD Kick-off!

March 6 - (5:30 pm) Not Your Mother or Father's Book Club - South County Library

March 7 - (7:45 - 8:45 am) KPAD Operations Meeting

March 11 - (4 - 5 pm) KPAD Nature Park Project Meeting

March 13 - (12:30 - 1:30 pm) Club Meeting, Kenny Belton, Your Church Partner

March 14 - (6 pm) Kiwanis Social at Mill Mountain Theater - Margaritaville

March 20 - (12:30 - 1:30 pm) Club Meeting, India Houston, Apple Ridge Farm

March 21 - (7:45 - 8:45 am) Membership Committee Meeting at Panera

March 21 - (9:00 am - 12:00 pm) Mill Mountain Playground Mulch

March 27 - (12:30 - 1:30 pm) Club Meeting, Sheriff Antonio Hash, Roanoke City Sheriff's Office

April 13 - (8 am - 2 pm) Daisy Art Parade KPAD Promotion **April 20** - Blue Ridge Marathon

May 2 - (6:45 - 8:30 am) Kiwanis Interfaith Prayer Breakfast

May 4 - Kiwanis Pancake Day

May 18 - Tentative Fishing Day

June 1 - Spring FunDay

Wednesday, February 28th - Club Meeting, Stephanie Moon Reynolds, A Purpose Driven Destiny

Stephanie Moon Reynolds will be speaking on her seasons of change, whether it be sowing, growing, or thriving - personal and professional. Stephanie is a lifetime Roanoker with a 42 year municipal government career and three years as an elected official.



Highlights from our last meeting





Bob Habermann and Vern Danielsen presenting grant check to Krista Vannoy from Opera Roanoke

Bob Habermann and LeeAnn Reich presenting grant check to Dr Heather Dickey from Roanoke Valley Speech and Hearing



Preston Tyler delivering presentation



Meeting Recordings

Note that club meeting recordings can be found on our YouTube channel here.

Kiwanis Club of Roanoke Book Club

The date for the next Kiwanis Club of Roanoke Book Club meeting

convened by David Hartman will be on March 6th at 5:30 at the South County Library on Merriman Road-held IN PERSON ONLY.

Remember - this is not your mom's book club! We share a favorite book we've read - author, genre, key elements - what we enjoyed about the book and why we recommend it. You leave with great ideas about what to read next! Hope you can join us on March 6th.

Save the Date - Spring FunDay at our Kiwanis Centennial Playground IS June 1ST!

Another date for our calendars - June 1st at the Kiwanis Centennial Playground, we will gather with Shiloh Baptist Church who cooks us hot dogs (the best you ever tasted!) and hamburgers. The Building Bridges collaborative of various churches serves us ice cream! There are activities for the children, usually live music, gardening day activities, the fire department and police department,, talent on display by the youth (cheerleaders, for ex.). It is a grand day to celebrate commUNITY.

Kiwanis Club of Roanoke INTERFAITH National Day of Prayer Breakfast

All are welcome to help us plan the Kiwanis Club of Roanoke INTERFAITH National Day of Prayer breakfast event. The importance of interfaith understanding seems greater than ever - again this year! Casting light on all faiths elevates us all! Help us organize an inspiring prayer breakfast. The event is held traditionally on the National Day of Prayer - this year that day is May 2nd, 2024, Thursday as always.

PLAN with us -- by joining our Zoom meeting Friday, March 1st, at 8 am. Dave and Cheri co-chair the event - let us know if you wish to get the Zoom link for this planning meeting. a brief, efficient meeting will get us started on our planning. AND SAVE THE DATE - May 2nd, 2024!

Thanks!

Cheri and Dave Hartman

Co-chairs of the Kiwanis Club of Roanoke Prayer Breakfast

Discussion: Possible IDEA Committee

Join David and Cheri Hartman at 11:45am on March 4 at LOA, just prior to the Board meeting, for a 20 minute discussion of the possibility of forming a new Club committee focused on education about inclusion, diversity, equity, and accessibility (IDEA). Zoom will not be available. LOA is located just off Peters Creek Road and Interstate 581 at 4932 Frontage Rd NW.

Outreach Awards (initiative and follow through):

- Greg Lionberger
- Cheri Hartman
- Bart Wilner
- Harry Zulauf
- Bill Bestpitch
- Keith Hartman



The Kiwanis Foundation of Roanoke

The vision of the Kiwanis Foundation of Roanoke is to build an endowment that will support the Kiwanis Club of Roanoke in effecting meaningful and lasting changes in our community and our world. The Foundation contributes heavily towards the Club's support to the children of our community and the world, serving the needs of older adults in our community, and improving the

environment of Virginia's Blue Ridge. Through donations, planned giving, and strong financial stewardship, assets exceed \$1M.

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Kiwanian Birthdays

February 6 -- Barry Akers
February 11 -- Keith Hartman
February 14 -- Clark Goodman
February 14 -- Mike Quinn
February 18 -- Kathy Cohen
February 24 -- Tara Marciniak
February 28 -- Betsy Head



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